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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed April 25, 2000, the Examiner indicated that the reference by Aarbakke et al., which was originally cited on the Form PTO-1449 filed on August 26, 1999, was not made of record since the bibliographic information was incomplete. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, enclosed is a new copy of Aarbakke et al., showing the bibliographic information. For the convenience of the Examiner, this reference is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 with the bibliographic information.

It is respectfully requested that this reference be considered in the examination of this application and that its consideration be made of written record in the application file.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any

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fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-0370.

Respectfully submitted,

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